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SOURCE:

1. A branch of the Ingstav construction firm was located at Moravska Ostrava, Hornopointi 46, until August 1952, when it moved to Svinov (P50/059), Nerudova. The firm is concerned with the construction of pipelines for water all over Moravia. Jobs handled by Ingstav were the water lines for the Stalingrad and Poruba developments, near Moravska Ostrava, among others. The latter city's water lines and other lines already existing have also been strengthened by Ingstav.
2. Ingstav has Moravian branches near Moravska Ostrava, Sumperk, Unicev, Sternberk, Fryvaldov and Trinec, all of which are engaged in building and repairing water lines.
3. The Svinov branch of Ingstav had more than enough tools, insulating materials, wood, door fittings for workers' barracks, bricks, asphalt and steel pipe on hand. Shortages were experienced in Heraklit boards and roofing paper, and the entire amount of steel for reinforced concrete on hand in October 1952 was used up, with no indication that more would be delivered. There was also a shortage of a chemical which was used to make water pipe leakproof and impervious to frost.
4. The Svinov branch usually had 10 freightcar loads of cement on hand, but they often ran short in the summer, while so much cement was delivered in the fall that they had no place to store it. Cement for this firm came from Malomerice (P50/440), near Brno, and from Kraluv Dvur (N56/L56).
5. A monthly inventory was made in the Ingstav warehouse at Svinov. Inventory prices were taken from an official list of prices known as Cenik. The following are some of the prices so listed for various items:

a.	100 kg. of cement	65 Kcs.
b.	100 kg. of lime	16 Kcs.
c.	1 kg. of cast pipe fittings ¹	10 Kcs.
d.	1 kg. of steel pipe fittings ¹	16 Kcs.
e.	1 kg. of nails	14 Kcs.

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6. The inventory had to show the amount of material used and the amount received during the month. The largest items were always the pipes and pipe fittings, which amounted to 2,500,000 or 3,000,000 Kcs. each month. On the average, 1,000,000 Kcs. worth of material was used per month and the average value of the warehouse inventory amounted to 8,000,000 Kcs.
7. The Svinov branch of Ingstav customarily built barracks for its workers on the job location and removed them when the job was completed.
8. This branch has a new office and warehouse at Svinov which are located about one or two kilometers from the railroad station. Material is brought by truck to the warehouse from the station.
9. 70 or 80 people - half of them women - are employed at Svinov. This does not include those who are customarily out working on jobs.
10. In September 1952, one Pohl (fnu), a worker, was made director of the branch, supplanting former director Eng. Prokop (fnu), who became Pohl's deputy but continued to make all technical decisions. Pohl frequently refuses to pay employees for overtime claimed by them. The cadre officer is Varhanik (fnu) and the chairman of the works council is Dehmel (fnu), who is very friendly and makes many promises - but does not keep them.
11. Discipline is poor in the offices. An employee who has some money will often invite his colleagues to drink with him during working hours, even in the morning, and a spree so begun often lasts until the next morning.
12. Average pay for an office employee is 5,000 to 7,000 Kcs. per month, but Spackova (fnu), 30 years old, who is in charge of materials, receives 10,000 Kcs. per month. It is believed she got this job because of her political services, and there is considerable resentment on this account.
13. Five former officers of the Czech Army, a former wholesale merchant whose business was taken away from him, and a former ministerial official are working in the offices, while a priest and an artist, Bana (fnu), are doing manual labor. The latter two have to prove that they have done a large amount of brigade work in order to be allowed to carry on their professions in their spare time.
14. A hard-working laborer can earn as much as 40 Kcs. per hour with the Svinov branch of Ingstav. Unskilled laborers earn 14.50 Kcs. per hour. There is considerable dishonesty in reporting the amount of work done. For example, Germans from the Kuncice housing development work at digging trenches, for which they receive 9,000 to 12,000 Kcs. per month, but they make their ditches larger at the top than at the bottom, thus receiving credit for more work than they actually do. Also, several different crews sometimes take part in moving a shipment of materials, each crew receiving credit for the entire job and being paid accordingly.
15. A warehouse employee earned 18.10 Kcs. per hour, but with 25% extra for overtime and 50% extra for Sunday work he was able to make 5,000 to 6,000 Kcs. per month. 1,500 Kcs. of this were deducted for board and lodging at the Kuncice housing development and about 1,800 Kcs. were deducted for income tax and insurance.
16. After working 32 weeks, each employee was entitled to two weeks leave and he received 9% of his net earnings over the 32 weeks as vacation pay.
17. Workers whose families were not in Svinov or the vicinity of Moravska Ostrava received 40 Kcs. as separation pay for each day of work.
18. There were no forced laborers or prisoners working with the Svinov branch of Ingstav.

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1. Comment: Pipe fittings (Formstuecke) include such items as crosses (Kreuzstuecke), muffs and kneepieces, all of which are for use in joining sections of pipe.

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